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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ANDERSON ET AL.

Examiner

Michael P-Nghiem

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 13, 14, 24 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-12 and 15-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9-30-03, 3-20-04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the origination of the most bottom arrow is missing (Fig. 3) and the shaded blocks (Fig. 4) are unclear. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 13, 14, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyer et al. (US 5,410,546).

Regarding claims 1, 14, and 25, Boyer et al. discloses a method and apparatus (Fig. 1) of generating cyclic redundancy checks (CRCs) for a message with N data blocks (column 6, lines 47-50), comprising:

- calculating a partial CRC for an out of order data block and storing the result (column 6, lines 50-53, 59-60);

- generating a CRC remainder multiplier associated with the out of order data block and storing the result (column 9, lines 40-44, the adjustment value is deemed to be stored somewhere);

- repeating the calculating and generating steps until all N data blocks for the message are received (the steps are deemed to be repeated for CRC computations of blocks, column 5, lines 22-25);

- combining the results of the calculating step and the generating step (Fig. 3, column 9, lines 45-54).

Regarding claims 13 and 24, Boyer et al. discloses that the N data blocks contain at least one data block of the N data blocks that is one of a different length and a same length (Abstract, lines 1-5).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-12, and 15-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons For Allowance

4. The combination or method as claimed wherein calculating a CRC for an in order data block using any previously computed in order CRC (claims 2, 15) or initializing a first CRC engine with a partial CRC remainder and a second CRC engine with the CRC remainder multiplier, the partial CRC remainder and the CRC remainder multiplier being a result of a prior partial CRC computation (claims 8, 17) or calculating the partial CRC according to $\text{crc_b}[k] = \text{CRC}(B_k)$, where $\text{crc_b}[k]$ is the partial CRC for data block k and B_k is the data block bit pattern of data block k (claims 10, 21) or

generating the remainder multiplier according to $\text{crc_2}[k] = \text{CRC}(2S_k)$, where $\text{crc_2}[k]$ is the remainder multiplier for data block k , and S_k is the bit length of data block k (claims 11, 22) or a component to produce a final CRC by combining the output from the component to combine results of the calculated partial CRC and the generator multiplier with the output from the component to calculate a CRC for an in order data block using an immediately previously calculated in order CRC, if available (claim 19) is not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P Nghiem whose telephone number is (571) 272-2277. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on (571) 272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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